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COUNTER REVOLUTION.

The Richmond *Sentinel*, in its issue of January 15, in some strictures upon Mr. FOOTE, of Tennessee, charges him and others in opposition to the Administration, with premeditation of counter revolution. But we very much regret the use of such a term by the official organ, and trust that it does not foreshadow the progress—a course in past history—of a new life in every department; let him awaken in Congress the cordial sympathy of co-ordinate operation, and he and the *Sentinel* will see the counter revolution triumphantly completed.

CONVENTION OF PLANTERS.

We invite attention to the card of Mr. J. W. PEARS, in reference to a planter's convention. He says truly, says the *Macon Telegraph*, that planters would come up to the suggestions of the communication, it would give more encouragement to the Confederate cause than fifty thousand soldiers. Yet, such a noble spirit displayed in this dark hour of our fortunes would breathe new life and vigor into every branch of the public service. The soldiers in the field, well fed, and knowing that their families at home were well fed, would be inspired with a new fervor of patriotism, and no longer say that they were suffering hunger, cold, ill and danger for a set of cowards, bent only on accumulating wealth. They would be glad to fight for a people willing to make sacrifices. And at home, the example of the planters—the great body of the people—would whelm in shame the money-givers of every class. They could not bear the brunt of public reproach. Can it not be done? Why not? Mr. PEARS says he has met with a noble response from every planter he has approached upon the subject. Now is the time, and perhaps the last opportunity for the people to show a spirit worthy of them. If we fall through a representative, with the Administration, to the counter revolution, there is no safety. We advise the *Sentinel*, that Mr. FOOTE is not the organ of the country in the communication, and if Mr. FOOTE's switches and sympathizing proclivities in any degree with the people, it is owing alone to the fact of coincidence of judgment; that judgment finding expression through his pen, and having only the value of casual communication, without the significance or weight of premeditated or organized assault, or counseil.

For us the sympathy of the country is concerned towards Mr. Davis personally, it is and will be as long as we will shew himself the disinterested patriot, and the efficient and intelligent ruler. Looking at him as in no sense a slave, but regarding him as a simple public servant, they will approve or condemn for acts of vice or virtue administration, and condemn for the same motive that they approve—the motive of good or ill to the country, without inference to faction or party—faction or party of opposition, or faction or party of support. We believe it is Shakespeare who says that the ladder of preferment is kicked by young ambition from under it so soon as it has climbed on it; to the desired height. We do not mean to suggest an analogy, but only to intimate that we have too much respect for the President's sense, virtue, and intelligence, to suppose that any apprehension that he would do, even in extremity, is other than an ill-grounded fear.

We have too sincere a sense of our own importance, and too high a sense of the President's position, personal and official, to venture to advise him; but this we might say, without indecision, that the President has it in his power to make himself the subject of popular confidence and affection, and that almost immediately—the way and means there being ample—will, in the first place, let him give up all ideas of anticyclic, intellectual and official, and place himself practically in political doctrine, right where he was, or was supposed to be, in the time before the war. Now, we would not have him to abdicate intellect or ignore intellectual self-reliance, but we would have him remember that an intellect which says to us all, over again, so impetuous in extent, at a time like this, as it is not alone, with ease and in the way of counsel as may be chosen to pure difference in its own judgment or judgment, should be in range and compass an imperial intellect—one as prematurely enlightened and omnipotent as territorial intelligence may attain. Now and then, we grant, a mind of this kind has existed, but when and while it has existed, it has always proved itself, by rarely failing in its judgment of facts or events, and by making full proof of its excellence and amplitude by yielding to no reprobate infidelity of prejudice or opinion, but giving itself full sweep, in the use of all the true intellectual material which the times and country afford.

The President's final effort has been to move his mind from so much temper, or passion, to combination with large will, the great intellectual and moral effort being the much intensity, and less much suspicion, or too little evidence, and no little cordial heartiness, in the service of his family, and no little cordial heartiness, in the service of his family, to his post of duty at Dalton. We were happy to find him in the enjoyment of his usual good health.

THE Chattooga, Fendry managed by Thomas, Walker & Co., is turning out large quantities of castings for the Government.

ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA.—An official despatch to President Davis from General Lee, the 6th, says one hundred and twenty-five additional negroes were taken into the army, and the number of men indicated by over-warmness in regard to the service, and by a change of direction, becoming a sensitive circumstance of counsel by the latter, in making his political administration and interests, by the general features of intellectual eminence, beauty and impatience. Indeed, in his best estate, is not everything in this world, and the man who follows it alone is very apt to be tripped up by it. Without grace or common sense, it is very little, while with the man it is omnipotent; and when they exist in combination, the union will be indicated by the presence of a spirit which will throw him on the greatest possible heat for sympathy and support. Let the President, therefore, shew himself greatly by giving up military intellect, self-dependence, and throwing himself upon the country for sympathy and guidance of intelligent counsel and direction, and he will witness the beginning of a counter revolution which will sweep him, and the cause to their portion of wasted confidence.

In this event let him give up all ideas of official antiquity in his Confederate position, and go back to his old State rights breed, which recognized the States as the only political sovereignties in this land; and the people of these separately sovereign States, as the only sovereign people. Let him go back to the time when he was regarded as the very best model of State rights chivalry, and was ready, like his illustrious compeer at the head of the House of Representatives, to challenge all comers, in the name of his sovereign political lady love, the State of Mississippi; when he was ready to oppose, with whole might of intellect and soul, the least encroachment of the Federal Government upon the received rights of a State, and bear the very lion of Federal power in his face, in resistance to unconstitutional invasions of the rights of the smallest citizen of the smallest State.

Let him not be illustration of the common man's maxims: *Tempus admodum non meatus est*; or an illustration of the vulgar man's inability to resist the temptation to possess power, which has been loaned or trusted for divine ends primitive of the common weal. Let him defend Confederate power—save in the presence of the enemy—as he would willfully have done his Federal, let him exalt the Constitution,

the rights of the States, and the rights of the people, let him exalt the Southern corps, and dominate arbitrary power; let him deprecate military necessity, and elevate military organization in aspects of vitality, unity, harmony, efficiency; let him apply the bridle in cutting off forthwith all official excesses of corruption and incompetency which are becoming a "stain in the nostrils" of the country and cause; let him electrify the army by the inspiration of a new life in every department; let him awaken in Congress the cordial sympathy of co-ordinate operation, and he and the *Sentinel* will see the counter revolution triumphantly completed.

LETTER FROM RICHMOND.
Special Correspondence of the *Richmond Daily Courier*.
Richmond, January 9, 1864.

John Morgan is the lion of the day. His arrival in town at a very late hour night before last turned the whole neighborhood of the Ballard House upside down. Yesterday he was formally received by the civil authorities. I mean the principal and which are not above 1000, were made up. Made up in an open carriage, with the mayor and two aldermen in the rear, bearing twice degrees below dress, was violently assailed in a set speech by his Honor, was wholly compelled to respond, and was afterwards carried back to the hotel, which is a general hotel of children, gold laces, apple today, special committee, etc. of Congress and excited many a hearty laugh. John Morgan is a man who is born to be a leader, and is fit for his safety. He can, if prudently, cross the Tidewater, or move across the Caldwells into the Mississippi bottom. It is a word, he is safe and ready to be up and at them again when he is resupplied with ammunition and stores.

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Two cotton presses are in operation at Cope's Jackson, about 8 o'clock at night, about 1000 bales being shipped from that point.

A large number of refugees, in a destitute condition, have arrived here from Alabama.

The War in the West—Longstreet's Command.
From the *Richmond Examiner*.

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